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Christmas Messages from the Clergy

(Rev. T. R. Haythorne)

An eminent Canadian has emphatically stated, "The only practical idea which ever came into the world was born in Bethlehem on the night the great star shone."

What really happened that first Christmas? Some one might answer by saying: "Oh, a child was born in the midst of a housing shortage, to poor parents, in a stable on a back street of Bethlehem, a town in an obscure land. The stable was crowded with animals and there was the usual pain, followed by a clear little cry, which the mother never forgot."

The first Christmas was a homeless Christmas, yet how Christianized the word "home" has become since then, till today it is one of the weightiest words and "Home for Christmas" one of the richest phrases in hundreds of languages.

The world's calendar, with its B.C. and A.D., dates every thing from that first Christmas—not from the first use of money, the conquests of Caesar, the founding of cities, nor the invention of gunpowder.

Christmas calls forth the finest attitudes of the year. The very atmosphere of homes and streets and cities is always better at Christmas. Sights are lifted. Higher purposes prevail. Who says human nature never changes? It does every Christmas. There's always more readiness to forgive, more eagerness to say good things of others at Christmas time. Can you begin to measure the influence of 1948 Christmases on the world?

What other person who has lived moves the world on his birthday as Jesus Christ does? Who even knows Napoleon's birthday—never mind observes it? And even of a great man like Abraham Lincoln, whose stature grows with the passing years, we would never suggest his birthday replace the one of Jesus.

What really happened that first Christmas? God came into the world—came as never before.

A little boy stood before the picture of his absent father, and then turned to his mother and wistfully said: "I wish father would step out of the picture." That little boy expressed the deepest longing of the human heart. To see God in nature prompts gratitude, but not satisfaction. We want our Father to step out of the impersonal picture and meet us as a Person. "The impersonal laid no hold on my heart," said a great Indian poet. That is always true, for the human heart is personal and wants a personal response.

"Why won't principles do? Why do we need a personal God?" someone asks. Suppose you go to a child crying for its mother and say "don't cry little child; I'm giving to you the principle of motherhood." Would the child light up and the tear dry? Hardly. The child would brush aside your principle of motherhood and cry for its mother. We all want, not a principle, nor a picture, but a Person.

The Father has stepped out of the picture. The word has become flesh. That is the meaning of Christmas. Jesus is Immanuel—God for us. He is the Personal Approach from the Unseen. We almost gasp at the Picture-steps out of the frame. We did not dare dream God was like Christ, but He is. He is Christ-like.

"You have an advantage," said Dr. Hu Shih, the father of the Renaissance Movement in China, when speaking to a well-known American missionary, "in that all the ideas in Christianity have become embodied in a Person."

Yes. And the Christmas spirit is the Christian spirit extended throughout

(Rev. A. S. Dewdney)

What does Christmas mean? To little children it means Santa Claus, Christmas presents, parties, candies, nuts and oranges. To many older folk it means mainly a frenzied rush of extra work, worry, and expense. How many people give a sigh of relief when Christmas is over? To most people it is a time of festivity that carries a vague message of peace and good will. But an ineffective message, apparently, to judge from the condition of the world today.

The trouble with our world is that it tries to secure the outward fruits of Christian faith without first laying foundation; on which alone it can be securely based. We try to be happy at Christmas time without knowing why we have the right to be happy. We try to promote peace and good will without knowing what these things must be based on.

Christmas is the Birth of Christ. And the meaning of Christmas depends on our answer to the question, "Who is Christ?" And the Christian answer is the same today as it has been down through the centuries—that little child in Mary's arms is God. The God who made the universe has laid aside His glory and humbled Himself to become a little helpless Child "for us men and for our salvation."

We do not celebrate Christmas as the birthday of a good man who lived and died for his fellows, nor of a great teacher who taught men a higher and better way of life. It is the birthday of a Saviour, and that Saviour is none other than the God who made the universe.

Christmas is preeminently the message of God's love. In the long run apart from the Christmas story, it is not possible to believe in God's love. If God did not truly come down to earth and become man and live among men, but has remained safe in some far away heaven, then whatever we mean when we speak of His love, it is plain that it means something less than love at its highest. For even among men real love demands the sacrifice and giving of self. The Christmas story assures us that God's love is love of this kind. How great it is to be measured by the depth to which God allowed Himself to descend. God became man. The Creator humbled Himself to become a little helpless Babe born in a manger.

That is why Christmas time is a happy, festive season. We live in no blind, mechanical, materialistic world whose forces grind on regardless of

the whole year. Some day the Christmas season will never stop, it will be continuous through the entire calendar year. The fact that we hit high one day gives great promise for all the days. We give gifts on Jesus' birthday, but God set the pattern of gift giving at Christmas. At that first Christmas He gave His greatest gift to the world. There is no better time for us to give our greatest gift than at Christmas. Gifts which money can buy are sometimes cheap gifts to give at Christmas. The supreme gift to our power to give and the only adequate one for a man to give at Christmas—is the gift of his whole life to the only whole Man the world has seen.

To the shepherds of the first Christmas was almost unbelievably good news. And it's still so—news of a great joy for all people. To whom else can you go? In comparison the Pistols are impractical—no power to go with their ideas. Jesus alone has the ultimate goals for man, and the practical power to get these.

What are you going to do with Jesus Christ this Christmas?

(Elder Maiben L. Christensen)

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:13-14)

In that far-away day, nearly two thousand years ago, the desire for peace was in the world, even as it is today. Since that time, thinking men of all ages have tried to find a panacea for the ills of the world, and to achieve that peace and good will toward all men which the heavenly host proclaimed. That universal peace cannot be obtained until men, universally, turn to God, and to that love of fellowmen that Jesus Christ taught during His ministry on earth.

Instead of "Glory to God in the highest," we hear too much of "glory to men on earth." Too many men are seeking for personal glorification, even at the expense of their fellowmen, and have forgotten God in their mad struggle for the gratification of their greedy desire for power and position. Man's three score and ten years on earth is such a short period of time when compared to all the eternity of the hereafter. Why not give more thought to our future status in the resurrection, instead of in the accumulation of worldly wealth? "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33) As men learn to do this, to that extent will "peace and good will" be had on earth.

For a day, or a week, during the Christmas season, men's hearts are filled with the spirit of Christ, which is the spirit of peace and love. If this spirit should continue throughout the year, from Christmas to Christmas, then that long-sought-for peace on earth would become a reality, and Christ's message of peace would truly be realized. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

People are certain to stew about something or other. Those who aren't fussing about the country being in the red are worrying about the reds being in the country.

We are not cogs in a machine. Behind all the forces of nature, behind all the warring purposes and follies of man, behind all the perplexing circumstances of our lives, is a God of love. That is the good news of Christmas that brings faith and certainty to our hearts.

And it is only through this faith in God's love that peace and good will can ever come to the world. For it is the only thing strong enough to break through the barriers that separate man from man, barriers of race, language, color, custom, economic and social position. It is no accident that the Gospel stories and tradition have emphasized that among shepherds and wise men, there were Jews and Gentiles, men with black, white and yellow skins, rich and poor, educated, ignorant, young and old. In their common love and worship of the holy Child all these barriers disappear, and become irrelevant.

In all our fun and festivities, let us not forget whose birthday it is we are celebrating, and what it means. We love to give our children a happy time at Christmas. But let us make sure that our children know why it is a happy time. They will be all the happier for it if they centre their thoughts on the Child in the Manger rather than on a mythical Santa Claus. And let us not make the mistake of

Christmas Message from Lieutenants E. Bygholder and R. Chapman, The Salvation Army, Coleman, Alta. Greetings at this Christmas Season:

No one knows for certain why December 25th was chosen as the day on which Christmas should be observed. There is no accurate knowledge of the date. The Romans had their Saturnalia, which had degenerated into unrestrained revelry and the Christians may have wished to counteract its demoralizing influence by a celebration of their own.

Back of the selection of the present date was undoubtedly the fact that the Christians of that time believed, though mistakenly, that the night of the 24th of December was the longest and darkest of the year, and on the morning of the 26th the sun for the first time was victorious over what had been the steadily increasing darkness. December 25, therefore, seemed the most appropriate time to celebrate the visit of the "Dayspring from on high."

Christmas is the symbol of our Christian conviction that light is stronger than darkness, goodness more powerful than evil, and the eternal forces of the universe are on the side of the constructive efforts of mankind.

To many, Christmas is simply a time of merry-making; a time when gifts are exchanged; a time when saddened hearts are gladdened by the love and goodness of friends. But is this enough? If we carelessly dismiss the "Christ" from Christmas our lives are left cold and vacant, and Christmas becomes meaningless. Christmas is the birthday of our Christ. On this particular day our memories are stirred as we think of His coming into this world as a fulfilment of prophecy. We remember that He was called "Jesus" because He came to save His people from their sin.

The Jews had looked for the coming of a king who would rescue them from the tyranny of Rome. Christ came as the King, but He did not come to lead militant forces, but He was an Heavenly Kingdom. He came to bring life and liberty to the "Whosoever," and today the name "Jesus," though spoken in varied languages, can be heard on lips the world over. His good news and His message is still proclaimed to men and women the world over. A seemingly lost humanity can be changed and brought to new Hope; simply by accepting the Salvation which Christ brought to a sin-sick world.

Let us rightfully observe the birth of Christ this season. Let us not only keep the traditions of Christmas—the giving of gifts, the sending of cards, the singing of carols, but may we maintain and obtain the true Spirit by giving unto Christ our lives and our true devotion.

"Far, far away in Bethlehem
And years are long and dim,
Since Mary held a Holy Child,
And angels sang to Him;
But still to hear where faith and love
Make room for Christ in them,
He comes again, the Child from God,
To find His Bethlehem."

thinking that Christmas is only or even mainly a children's festival. Its message is even more needed by us who are adults and have tasted the temptations and stress of life and have discovered our need and helplessness. We miss the whole meaning of Christmas and its true joy if we do not, with our children, kneel this Christmas with the Shepherds and Wise Men, and with the faithful and childlike of every age, before the Child who is our Saviour and our God.



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of the bark the gall the Saviour
drank when on the cross.

The younger set of the Kindergarten class drew a very large audience over a week ago at the Columbus hall, when they presented their concert of songs, recitations and dances. The children looked very lovely in their costumes. During the two hour concert, Santa Claus arrived on the stage and presented each little tot with a gift and a bag of candy and nuts. The outstanding event of the evening was the "Crib Scene" which was very well done. A special credit goes to the Sisters of St. Alphonsus Convent for the long hours of vigorous teaching.

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So I'll whisper one to you
Grandpa says that all who try it,
Find that every word is true.
"Would you have a happy day?
Give some happiness away."
Grandpa says this little secret
Should be carried through the year,
And if all would try to heed it,
Earth would soon be full of cheer.
"Would you have a happy day?
Give some happiness away."
—It. A. Lyman.

Miss Ethel Mysnik of Coleman is employed at the Variety Shop.

Mrs. Joe Lencucha and her three children arrived in Blairmore this week for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Lencucha will join his family later.

Johnny Godfrey and Marion Blas are employed at Kubik's dry goods store for the Christmas rush.

Little Sharon Ridalski is holidaying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Porco at Michel, BC, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Porco of Michel were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Amato.

Mrs. F. Mascaro of Kimberley, BC, spent a few days here, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lomti.

Miss F. Gilmar, who is teaching at Fairview school, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Miss Frances Misson, who is taking piano lessons at Moscow, Idaho, is spending the holidays with her parents at Coleman.

Why telegram blanks are yellow—this color selection has a solid scientific foundation, dating back some 60 years, for the retina of the eye distinguishes three fundamental colors, red, yellow and green-blue. Of all colors, yellow throws back the most light—American Paper Converter.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS



It is a common fallacy that in order to "get along" with other people we should agree with them, accommodate them, and generally conform to their ways. But the superficial kind of popularity gained by making too many concessions is not desirable. Moreover, people have a better opinion of the man who stands by his own beliefs and convictions—without being opinionated, narrow-minded or queer. The popularity he enjoys may not be so widespread but, being based on respect, it is much to be preferred.

By the same token, it never pays to act in any way foreign to our real nature. Trying to be someone or something we're not, bluffing, pretending we like something we dislike—these and all other attempts to create misleading impressions put us under a strain. And this, in turn, distorts our personalities in a way that does not win friends and influences nobody.

So never imitate the chameleon or the ostrich. Always be yourself!

When a life insurance agent talks enthusiastically about the advantages of life insurance he is not just repeating what others say. He speaks from his own sincere conviction that there is no easier, more dependable way to provide protection for dependents and income for future needs.

To Negotiate New Agreement

Alberta coal miners and mine operators will meet early in the New Year to negotiate a new wage agreement, with sessions most likely in Calgary.

The Domestic Coal Operators' Association met Dec. 17 to discuss arrangements for meeting with the United Mine Workers of America (CCL) District 18. Union demands are expected to be presented jointly to domestic operators and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association. The present agreement between the union and the two associations expires February 16, 1949.

The union drew up new wage demands at district 18's convention in Calgary Nov. 15, but they will not be disclosed until the union presents them to the operators when negotiations begin.

How high is up? "You never can tell how far folks will climb," chirrup the Palmerston (Ont.) Observer. "We once knew a man who started out to be a minister and finally descended into a first-rate newspaperman."—On reading that people will wonder whether the climb was "up" or "down."

Christmas Joy

It is the time when the grey old men Leap back to the days of youth; When brows and eyes wear no disguise.

But flush and gleam with truth. Oh, then is the time when the soul exults,

And seems right heavenward turning.

When we love and bless the hands we press,

When the Christmas log is burning.

A Christmas Fable

Once upon a time there was a married man, who was taken by his wife on Christmas Eve to a party given by the Ladies' Aid—and the man had a good time.

Premature

An Irishman lay dying when the odor of cooking assailed his nostrils. Summoning his weeping daughter to his bedside, he said, "Nora, darling, ain't it doughnuts that I smell?"

"Right for ye, father," the girl replied.

"And would ye be asking your mother if I can have one before I die?"

The daughter delivered the message to the mother in the kitchen, and brought back the answer: "Mother says ye cannot have one of them doughnuts; they are fer the wake."

Nature couldn't make us perfect, so she did the next best thing; she made us blind to our faults.—Selected.

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They coat the cables liberally with asphalt and sand. The squirrels find the mixture unpalatable.

The first steamship to cross the Atlantic ocean was the Rising Sun in 1818. The vessel was built in Britain and was named after Lord Cochrane. It is estimated that 3,000,000 bats live in New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns.

Great Christmas Carols By Inspired Clergy

Since that first Christmas when the angels sang "Gloria to God on High," music has been a vital part of the holiday season. Schools, churches and homes ring with joyous hymns and songs. The first singing of carols in the streets, we are told, was in the year 1224.

When we think of Christmas we think of the pictures you see on Christmas cards of houses almost buried in snow, candles burning in windows, and carolers grouped around a doorway, singing with all their hearts to the distant peal of church bells. Christmas must have been picturesque in those days, no automobiles whizzing by, just the merry jingle of sleigh bells.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was written in 1730 by Charles Wesley younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist denomination, but was not published until 1856. Inspiration for the poem came to Wesley as he walked to church one Christmas morning.

Bishop Phillip Brooks, rector of the Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia, was asked by his Sunday school children to write a Christmas song, so in 1868 he produced "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem." After writing the hymn, he went to the church organist and asked him to furnish a tune. The organist, Lewis H. Redner, says the air came to him in a Christmas dream, and it was finished for the next day's services.

Origin of 'Silent Night'

But most beloved of all Christmas music is "Holy Night," "Silent Night," written, we are told, by Father Josef Mohr, who found himself without means of music for the Christmas services because mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ. Father Josef was greatly troubled over the calamity, and as he returned from administering rites to a dying woman he stood on a hilltop, at midnight, and it came to him that it must have been just such a silent night that the Christ child was born, so he went home and composed the words to our famous Christmas hymn.

Then of course, it needed music, so he went to his old schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. And so Franz played his guitar and Father Josef sang a Christmas hymn that will never die.

Few think of this lovely hymn without remembering how we watched our radio dial at Christmas time for its rendition by one of the most beloved of singers, Madame Schumann-Heink.

Oh, those were days of simplicity, when the rectors casting about for suitable Christmas programs turned poets, and organists turned composers to furnish the music, music that was on forever.

They would, indeed, be gratified if they could hear our present Christmas-day programs, pouring out of a little cabinet in the corner, their labor of love have come a long way from that steel guitar and a gentle voice replacing a nibbled bellows, they'd be surprised to learn their flock now does its Christmas shopping to their inspirational tunes.

Cave of Nativity, Shrine

The "stable" in which Christ was born does not conform to the modern conception of the word.

In Biblical times, places of shelter were hewn in rocky ledges; Judean travellers, frequently housed in such caves, welcomed joint tenancy with beasts, because of the extra warmth provided by animals' bodies.

The birthplace of Jesus was such a cave. Now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, the entire surface has been elaborately ornamented. Pilgrims to the shrine often wish, nonetheless reverently, that its original simplicity might have been preserved in which eternal stars

"Looked down where He lay

"The little Lord Jesus
Asleep in the hay."

Boxing Day

Unless we are greatly mistaken, the custom of celebrating Boxing Day and calling it by its ancient name, is of fairly recent acceptance in Canada. There is common sense as well as tradition in the custom of taking an extra day's holiday after Christmas. There is very little buying or selling, and most people are happy to have extra time in which to continue the previous day's festivities.

Boxing Day is also the Feast of St. Stephen, in the calendar of the Christian church. Everybody recalls that it was on the Feast of Stephen that King Wenceslas performed the act of charity which is celebrated in a familiar carol. St. Stephen, according to the lore of the Middle Ages, was the patron of horses and horse-dealers, and it was usual for veterinarians—who used to be called horse-leeches—to bleed all the horses under their care on this day, and give them a drench. In Finland it was the custom until recently to throw a piece of silver into a horse's manger on this day to bring good luck.

As for the custom which gives the 26th of December the name of Boxing Day, we find it described in The Gentleman's Magazine of 1811, thus: "On the day after Christmas, tradespeople are visited by persons in the employment of their customers for a Christmas box, and every man and boy who thinks he is qualified to ask, solicits from those on whom he calculates as likely to bestow. A writer, in 1731, describes Boxing Day at that time from his own experience. 'By that time I was up, my servants could do nothing but run to the door. Inquiring the meaning. I was answered the people were come for their Christmas box; this was logic to me; but I found at last that, because I had laid out a great deal of ready-money with my brewer, baker and other tradesmen, they kindly thought it my duty to present their servants with some money for the favor of having their goods. This pleased me a little, but being told it was the custom, I complied. These were followed by the watch, the beadle, dustmen, and an innumerable tribe; but what vexed me most was the clerk, who has an extraordinary place, and makes as good appearance as most tradesmen in the parish; to see him come a-boxing, alias begging, I thought was intolerable; however, I found it was the custom, too, so I gave him a half-a-crown; as I was likewise obliged to do the bellman, for breaking my rest for many nights together.

It will be seen from this irritable account of an eighteenth century Boxing Day that although taxes were slight in those days, in comparison with the imposts which are laid upon us now, there were demands upon the private purse which could soon run away with a considerable sum of money in the course of a single day. We still give Christmas boxes, but not to every comer—From the Peterborough Examiner.

SHIP O' DREAMS (Douglas Buchanan)

What bring you home my Christmas ship

To light my dusk of dreams
From Rio Grande or Samarand
No glittering gift, it seems!
Yet in your hold, for more than gold,

One joy all else transcends:
When pomp has passed and earth is cold—

Fond in my heart to clasp,
Remember—

Wondrous as roses in December,
The lasting love of friends.

Here, by the fire, no vain desire
Mocks me with Yuletide flame;

For should I walk with Sorrow dire,
Homeless, without a name,

My memories are mine to prize.
Of dear, glad light in faithful eyes.

Trill life's last Noel ends.
Fragrant and fresh to clasp,

Remember,
God's rarest roses of December—

Laughter and love of friends!

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She: "You will not!"

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TO ALL PATRONS
AND FRIENDS

GET CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

The following Pass people have received their Canadian citizenship papers on Thursday, Dec. 9: George Kusyk, Mike Andreychuk, John Grosko, Primo Lant, Joseph Bartokott, Nicholas Horbachuk, Piatt Truch, Dmytro Pylyk, Theodor Truch and Joseph Spiewak, all of Coleman; Michael Kral, Anelio Vigna, Henry Furzycki, and John Stanisewski, of Blainmore; Emma R. K. Ostrowski, Bellevue; John Berze, Hillcrest. There are several others taking examinations for their citizenship papers. They are as follows: Mike Olekaychuk, Stanley Pylacz, George Zinook and Mary Trystensky, of Coleman; Luigi Avola, Albinus Vitbaras and Albert Biegun, of Blainmore; Clement Labinov, Bellevue; Stefan Marusz, Frank Mary Ann Wans, Hillcrest; Michael Bugelman, Beaver Mines.

CHRISTMAS DAY

It is not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antoninus Pius (131-161 A.D.). The reason for the final choice of December 25 cannot now be determined. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the day begins to increase, and light to triumph over darkness, was changed into the Feast of Christ, the Light of Life.

The Christmas Carolers

Are Welcome Everywhere

So it used to be. Young folks pressed against the windows, straining to hear the cheerful carols outside. Perhaps it was the story of the Christ child, put to rest in a manger of love and cheer. When the singers were done the households invited them in for a bite and a sup or gave them a coin or two for their song.

Then on to the next house, to sing again under the stars or veiled behind drifted snow.

At last, in the early morning hours, again to their own friends.

It was a good old custom, this midnight ministry in the season of peace and goodwill. "With the beginning of Yuletide, twelve days before Christmas day," as Percival Chubb tells us in the standard, published in New York by the American Biblical Union, "small hand of musicians went the rounds and, 'in the mire' or on the road or on the steps, played the old folk tunes as a lyrical prelude to the great day." To some of the antique ballads, like "Good King Wenceslaus," says Mr. Chubb, the singers would add a hymn tune or two—"Once in David's Royal City," or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." "Punctuating the bustle of domestic preparation for the coming feast, these ministrations in the still night gave a breath of poetry that touched the spirit of Christmas with an endearing beauty. Day-by-day the tide of joyous anticipation rose until, the crescendo broke into a forte of jubilation."

Those simple days of the folk are gone, says Mr. Chubb; the glory is departed.

But the custom of making the rounds on Christmas eve to sing carols of peace and good will on earth still prevails here and there—literally.

Make Christmas Burden,

Be Unhappy Rest of Year

It is so customary nowadays to hear disparagement of Christmas as a season of vanity, selfish display, greed and consciousness that we like to point out the other side. Some of our cynics declare that Christmas gifts are themselves dictated by self-interest—that they are merely offered in the hope of a return—with interest—or are an exhibition of vanity. And yet, who would dare to say this of a mother, who deprives herself to give happiness to her children, or of the girl who willingly foregoes some little vanity for the pleasure of her parents? People who make Christmas a burden and a task along the same attitude throughout the year—their own false standards of living are to blame, and not this holy festival—Rural—New Yorker.

Norway, Sweden Babies

Are Loaded With Gifts

IN MANY districts of Norway and Sweden every baby born on Christmas day is the recipient of many gifts and bonuses from all quarters. He receives a bounty from both the ecclesiastical and civil authorities, and in some districts, these bounties amount to a considerable amount of money, which is generally invested until the child is of age.

The children that are born to some classes of the people in Naples on this happy day are visited by "wise men"—who are selected by some philanthropic society—and are presented with imitation stones which are valued highly by the children in later years, even supernatural qualities being ascribed to them.

EXCHANGED PRESENTS



"What makes Debbie so angry?"
"He gave Christmas cards instead of presents to all of his friends."
"Well?"
"That was the same to him."

**Decision of Board on
Power Question Soon**

A Canadian Press dispatch from Calgary dated Dec. 15, states:

Decision of the Alberta board of public utility commissioners on the application of West Canadian Collieries Limited, Blainmore, for an order directing the Calgary Power Limited to supply power to four mines in the Crows' Nest Pass, now served by the East Kootenay Power Company will be handed down before the end of the year.

This was announced today by G. M. Blackstock, K.C., board chairman, at the conclusion of legal arguments presented by counsel representing the interested companies. He vouched for and against the application was submitted to the board last October at sittings held at Calgary.

The application was filed last summer when East Kootenay notified the mines that from Jan. 1, 1949, the rate charged for power would be increased from .9 cent to 1.25 cents per kilowatt-hour.

M.M. Porter, counsel for the mines, said that East Kootenay had been "so oblivious of the future that it has made little preparation to provide for the increasing demand of its customers."

He said that East Kootenay had offered his clients a new contract which practically stated "if we have power we will send it on to you and if we don't have it, well, it's too bad." He said that Calgary Power "is the logical company to serve the south country where the load will continue to grow."

G. H. Steer, of Edmonton, counsel for East Kootenay, said the board "should not arbitrarily" send East Kootenay without giving the company an opportunity to show it could augment its supply of power to meet the emergency." He said the evidence showed that the company had given satisfactory service in past years.

E. J. Chambers, representing Cal-

gary, said that the company would wish to enter into any new contract null further power became available from the Spray Lakes project, which would be completed late in 1950, if such contracts would be detrimental to the interests of the present customers. He said it was the responsibility of East Kootenay to supply the Crows' Nest Pass with power. If the board felt it was in the public interest that something be done to improve its service in the East Kootenay territory "it was beyond the present power of Calgary Power to fill the gap."

COWLEY HAPPENINGS

L. M. Cleland journey to Calgary on Wednesday where he will attend the Alberta Federation of Agriculture held in the Palliser hotel on the 16 and 17 of this month as representative of the Pincher Creek Co-Op.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Percevaull left Sunday by car for a Christmas holiday trip to Vancouver, Victoria and other Pacific coast points, where they will visit for a few weeks with near relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gunn left Wednesday afternoon by bus for Vancouver, B.C. where they will spend a few weeks visiting their daughter Mrs. Mollie Milvain and their son Jimmie Gunn and their families.

Louis Poulain returned Friday from Calgary where he had been an inmate for a couple of months in the Col. Belcher hospital. He underwent an eye operation and now is looking very fit.

On Friday night, a well attended concert and Christmas tree, sponsored by the Sunday school staff, was held in the United church here.

Neil Nicholson has recently returned from spending several days in Calgary visiting friends and renewing old acquaintances.

Pius Nicholas returned Saturday from Pincher Creek where he had been an inmate in St. Vincent's hospital for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cook of Coalhurst were up this week for a few

days visit at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cook.

A Christmas service was held in the United church here last Sunday afternoon with Rev. J. C. Kay of Bellevue in charge when special vocal numbers were rendered by Roy and Robert Smyth, duet; Mr. J. R. Wood, Mrs. E. L. Day, Mr. J. C. Kay, Mr. F. A. Tustian and the Arthur Tustian quartet. In spite of severe weather the attendance was good.

W. A. MacLeod, who succeeded R. P. Penkett as police magistrate in 1940, receiving a permanent appointment in 1942, was recently appointed police magistrate at Blainmore and Coleman as well as Pincher Creek. During the summer Mr. MacLeod took over his work from Mr. Antroub, whose illness led to his death Oct. 2. Mr. MacLeod will continue to make his home in Pincher Creek.

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How Did It All Start?

From what dim past did the tradition of Santa Claus come? Why are so many millions of dollars now spent on Christmas presents and millions of Christmas cards sent by friends to friends? How did the idea start? Why the combination of turkey and plum pudding, of candies and Christmas trees? How did all the glamour of the year's greatest holiday come about? Back of the present holiday season is one of the most curiously mixed and interesting chapters in all history.

Strange Ideas

References to Christmas appear in some of the oldest writings; Virgil describes the Christmas tree very clearly and its decorations of toys and dolls; and present-giving to one and all in a festive season of the Romans. In 1557, Thomas Tusser, an early English writer, after pronouncing the sound fact that "Christmas comes but once a year," recommended:

"At Christmas be merry and thankful withal—
And feast thy poor neighbors,
the great
With the small."

In those days people evidently had more time for proper holidaying, for revellies started around the wasail-bowl a week ahead of Christmas and continued, until well into the New Year.

Many strange superstitions were practiced. Unmarried girls would take turns calling at the pig-sty door. If a small pig answered first, her husband would be a young man; but if the great hog grunted, she would marry an old man.

Servant girls in some parts of the country could claim the privilege of staying in bed on Christmas morning while the mistress did the work.

Decorating churches and homes at Christmas time is a very old custom. Mistletoe was greatly revered by the old Druid monks of England. It was gathered by them at Yuletide, cut by the priest in white raiment using a golden knife. The Celts and Goths also venerated the mistletoe.

In Scandinavia the holly or holly-tree is called Christ's Thorn, from its dedication to Christmas and church decorations and because its berries appear at Christmas time.

10,000 Guests

In the earliest Christian days the day of Christmas actually varied from March and April to December. The Emperor Julius I set December 25 as the date sometime around 340 A.D.

English Kings from the reign of King John to that of Edward VI celebrated Christmas in Westminster Hall as the Palace of Westminster was at that time the royal residence.

Richard II personally entertained 10,000 persons there, wearing his crown and a cloth of gold robe encrusted with precious stones.

The boar's head was then the chief dish, and not the turkey. Splendidly garnished, borne aloft on a gold dish, and heralded by a fanfare of trumpets, it was followed by a procession of knights and ladies who sang the Boar's Head Carol, the music of which is still in existence.

Roast peacocks, elaborately decorated, were also served, but mince pies and Christmas pudding are of later date.

Kissing under the mistletoe had its origin in Scandinavian mythology.

The boxes originally placed in churches for voluntary contributions were called Christmas boxes, as on Christmas Day they were opened and their contents distributed next day—Boxing Day.

Star of East

December 6 is the actual birthday of St. Nicholas, the original of Santa Claus, who is credited with the visits to children with presents. In Scandinavian countries, these presents were a reward for children who had been of good conduct during the past year, rather than one of the adjuncts of Christmastime itself.

Launched in 1894, the Dirigo was the first all-steel sailing ship.

Christmas Firsts

The Poem

"'Twas the Night Before Christmas" was first published in a newspaper, the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel, in 1823. Dr. Clement C. Moore had just composed it the Christmas before, just to amuse his children.

The Carol

"Silent Night," perhaps our most popular Christmas carol, was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, in Oberndorf, Austria. It was written by a clergyman named Josef Mohr, who penned the lyrics in a few minutes. His organist set the work to music within the hour, and it was sung in church that same evening.

The Card

The British Museum has a copy of the first Christmas card, etched by an English artist over a century ago.

The Stocking

The commercial toy-stuffed Christmas stocking was the brain child of George E. Mousley. This Philadelphia toy manufacturer pushed and popularized it many years ago.

The Tinsel

The tinsel we drape over our Christmas trees was first produced by a London engineer named Henry Harris in 1879. It was an accidental discovery. While working in a silk mill he noticed metal shavings clinging to a strand of silk.

The Seal

The Christmas seal was the idea of a Danish postal clerk named Einar Holbecl in 1903. The inspiration came to him while sorting Christmas mail and the Danish Government adopted the plan the next year.

The Address

The Dutch of New-Amsterdam are credited with being the first to give Santa Claus his North Pole residence. They were also the first to put red on Santa's nose and on his costume.

—W. E. Farbstein

MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE

In Brazil, it's "Feliz Natal!"
In Denmark, it's "Glaedelig Jul!"
In the Netherlands, it's "Hartelijk Kerstgoeden!"
In Finland, it's "Haukaa Joulua!"
In France, it's "Joyeux Noel!"
In Italy, it's "Buon Natale!"
In Spain, it's "Felices Pascuas!"
In Sweden, it's "God Jul!"
In Austria, it's "Froehliche Weihnachten!"

But for you and me, and all English speaking boys and girls the whole world over, it's

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"
—JAMES ALDREDGE

TO ENGLAND ON CHRISTMAS
(A paraphrase with thanks to B. L.)
Hold high thy head and with strength dispel
The misty gloom which o'er thy soul is cast;

This Christmastide thy sons all wish thee well,
And proffer aid against the bitter blast.

Hold high thy head, for none can ever still
The throbbing courage of thine English heart;

In spite of pain, we know thou hast the will
To greater glory and a better part;

Hold high thy head, 'tis nought to live at ease,
But much to know that thou canst play the game;

And we who dwell so far beyond the seas
Are proud that we in kinship share thy fame.

Hold high thy head, in Peace there still is power.
Lo, thou hast earned the plaudit of "well done!"

O England, at this joyous Christmas hour—
Hold high thy head, for thou hast fought and won.

Saxon Derivation

Kaitling is derived from the Saxon word "cristian" and hand knitting is believed to go back to Saxon times.

May the New Year Bring you Prosperity and
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With drama, humor, punch and plot.

And do they buy it? They do not.

They treat you like a brainless lot.

Convince you you're a mental blot.

Whose mouthings never were so hot.

Editors are a lousy lot.

Then, feeling like a you-know-what

You scrawl some pitiable rot . . .

They give the thing a featured spot.

They should be boiled in oil or shot.

Cretin, fiend, schlemiel, and sot,

Editors are a lousy lot.

—McGill Daily.

Small Brother: "Say, Sis, can I

hang up one of your stockings, for

Christmas?"

Big Sister: "What on earth do you

want to hang up one of mine for?"

Small Brother: "So I can see what's

in it without getting out of bed."

OBITUARY

MRS VIRGINIA HUCK

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Virginia Huck, 26, who died Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Blaimore hospital were held from the family residence here on Saturday, Dec. 18, with Requiem Mass sung at St. Anne's church. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Deceased was born in Burnis in 1922, and came to live in Blaimore six years ago when she married Louis Huck. She had been very ill for quite some time.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Louis; an infant son, Wayne; her mother, Mrs. A. Corbous; and one brother, Louis.

FRANK ZBOYA

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 16, from St. Anne's church here for the late Frank Zboya, who was killed in the West Canadian Collieries No. 5 mine yard on Monday, Dec. 13. Rev. Dean M. A. Harrington officiated.

The late Mr. Zboya, age 34, was born in Hosmer, BC, in 1914 and came to Hillcrest several years later. He married Miss Zlata Aschacher in 1939. They have made their home in Blaimore since, where Mr. Zboya has been employed at the WCC until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Francis, 7, and one daughter, Donna, 5. Also four sisters and one brother. He was a member of the Elks lodge and a member of St. Anne's church.

"It says here," said the wife, "that a nautical mile is nearly one-third more than a land mile. How can that be, darling?"

"Well, dear," replied the husband, "who was a naval veteran, 'you know how things swell in water.'"

Roy Tucker has arrived to spend the Christmas season at home.

Miss Anne Petrick is spending the Yuletide season with her parents.

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IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY of Wynne B. Clarke, who passed away Dec. 24, 1944, at Hillcrest. Always longed for and remembered by: Auntie Anne, Uncle Gerry, Sharon and Grandma.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of **WILFRED (WILFRED) CARPENTER**, late of Hillcrest, Alberta, Engineer, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named **WILFRED (WILFRED) CARPENTER**, who died on 12th June, 1935, are required to file with the undersigned by 22nd January, 1949, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any security held by them, and that after that date the Administrator with Will annexed will distribute the assets of the Deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

DATED at Land Titles Bldg., Calgary, Alberta, 20th December, 1948.

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Johnny Goddard is home for the Yuletide season.

Elegy written on a Christmas Gift

I hate this woolen underwear!

I'm mad enough to bawl:

It itches here, it itches there!

The darned itch seems to crawl!

And when I start to scratch some-

where

That ain't the place at all!

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CHRISTMAS GREENS

THE custom of hanging evergreens in the house during the Yuletide originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In olden days each kind of evergreen was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its boughs. To pass under holly insured good fortune throughout the year, holly meant victory, while laurel was supposed to impart a spirit of beauty and poetry. — Missouri Farmer.

Peacock Dinner English

Custom Many Years Ago

FASHIONS in Christmas dinner come and go. In olden days at a Christmas feast in England, next in importance to the boar's head as a Christmas dish was the peacock. To prepare the bird for the table was a task entailing no little trouble. The skin was first carefully stripped off with the plumage adhering. The bird was then roasted; when done, and partially cooled it was sewed up again in its feathers. Its beak pointed with gilt and an vent in the table. Some times the whole body was covered with leaf gold and a piece of cotton saturated with spirits placed in its beak and lighted before the carving commenced operations. This "food for lovers and meat for lords" was stuffed with spices and sweets, basted with yolks of eggs and served with plenty of gravy.

The noble bird was not served by common hands; that privilege was reserved for the lady guests most distinguished by birth or beauty. One of them carried it into the dining hall to the sounds of music, the rest of the ladies following in due order. The dish was set down before the master of the house or his most honored guest. The latest instance of peacock eating recorded was at a dinner given to William IV, when duke of Clarence, by the governor of Grenada.

Great Yule Feast Given

by King Richard in 1399

CHRISTMAS in England, of course, is an old feast day, though the Santa Claus and Christmas tree traditions come to us from another source. William E. Mead's "The English Medieval Feast" (Houghton, Mifflin) quotes from Stow's "Survey of London" that the feast of the great feast which King Richard gave in Westminster Hall in the year 1399, just after abolishing the ban of St. Nicholas. "A most royal Christmas, with daily joustings and runnings at tilt, where unto resorted such a number of people that there was every day spent 28 or 20 oxen, and 300 sheep, besides fowl without number; he caused a gown for himself to be made of gold, garnished with pearls and precious stones, to the value of 3000 marks; he was guarded by Cheshire men and had about him commonly 13 bishops, besides barons, knights, squires, and others more than needed; inasmuch that to the household came every day to most luxury people, as appeareth by the menses told out from the kitchen to 300 servants."

Saxon Words "Waes Hael," Meaning "Be in Health"

CHRISTMAS fare has always occupied a big part in Yuletide celebration. Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers were excellent trenchermen, and eating and drinking were a necessary part of every gala day. Stuffed boars' heads, peacocks, geese, capons, pheasants, mince pie, plum pudding—these becked the board. The turkey was unknown. That excellent fowl did not enter into the bill of fare until the discovery of the New World. Of course, there was drink aplenty. Punch was the customary wassail bowl. This bowl takes its name from the Saxon word, "waes hael," meaning "be in health." It was a great bowl of punch into which baked apples were thrown to enhance its flavor. Mince pie originated in 1556. It first was made from mutton. The Puritans condemned it as an ungodly dish, and the Quakers would have none of it.

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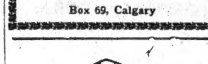
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Increase In Immigration

THE FLOW OF IMMIGRATION which started in 1945 has increased steadily, and since that time 254,000 new citizens have come to make their homes in Canada. These people have for the most part come from displaced persons camps in Europe or from the United Kingdom. From the beginning, shipping has been a determining factor in governing the number of immigrants which have arrived each year. During the period immediately following the war there was a shortage of ships, and many of those which were available were needed for bringing home service personnel and their dependents. The scarcity of shipping, however, has gradually become less acute, as more accommodation has been made available, the flow of immigration has steadily increased.

About Half Are From Britain

From the latter part of 1945 until the end of March, 1946, 31,000 immigrants and displaced persons arrived in Canada. During the following year, 87,000 came into the country and in the year ending in March, 1948, 70,000 arrived. Since March, 1948, it is estimated that about 77,000 more have been admitted. Of all these about half are from the United Kingdom. Since the war the total number coming from Great Britain is given as 134,000 and these people constitute the largest single group of immigrants to enter Canada during that time. In the year following the war, 30,000 British immigrants were received here. In the following year, the figure rose to 47,000, and between March, 1947, and the same month in 1948, 45,000 arrived. Since that time, a further 22,000 from the British Isles have migrated to this country.

No Decrease Is Indicated

The reason for the slight falling off in the number from the United Kingdom is attributed by officials of the Department of Immigration to the urgency of the need to settle displaced persons as quickly as possible. There are still many people in Britain who are anxious to come to Canada to live and there is now no indication that there will be any marked decrease in immigration to this country for many years to come. There has always been a strong tendency for the people of Europe to look to this continent when they wish to seek new homes. At the present time the United States has in force strict quota regulations, so that the number who can enter that country is limited. For this reason there are a great many people in Europe and in the United Kingdom who are now looking to Canada, if they have the qualifications required for them to settle here. If world conditions do not change it is expected that 100,000 new Canadians will arrive during the coming year. In opening her doors to these people Canada is making a fine contribution towards solving a great human problem but she is also acquiring many new citizens who will without doubt in their turn contribute much to the building of this nation.

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Ducks Unlimited Plan New Prairie Nesting Projects

WINNIPEG.—In 1949, Ducks Unlimited incorporated will construct 25 to 30 nesting projects in the prairie provinces under its international wildfowl conservation programme, according to Arthur M. Bartley, New York, executive director.

Mr. Bartley, spent six days in Winnipeg conferring with officials of Ducks Unlimited (Canada).

The proposed projects will be distributed across the prairie nesting grounds, Mr. Bartley said.

For the 1949 projects, Mr. Bartley expects a budget upwards of \$300,000 to be approved at a meeting of trustees in March. During ten years of conservation activity, Ducks Unlimited has spent \$2,000,000 in Canada.

By spring, 26 projects will be in operation as a result of Ducks Unlimited's 1948 programme, Mr. Bartley states. With these, the number of projects in the prairies will total 200. The cost of these projects, covering from 1,000 to 15,000 acres, range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Fights this fall on all North American flyways—the Atlantic, Mississippi, central and Rocky mountain—indicated satisfactory duck production, Mr. Bartley remarked.

In 1938, when the work of Ducks Unlimited was inaugurated in Canada, two-thirds of the prairie breeding grounds had been destroyed, Mr. Bartley said. The advancing agricultural frontier pushed the breeding centres northward and drainage of land and drought further imperilled wildfowl.

Ducks Unlimited undertook to provide wildfowl with marshes and ponds in which to breed, safely, and proper food, Mr. Bartley pointed out.

Lord Nuffield Gives Million For Surgeons

LONDON.—Lord Nuffield, motor magnate and philanthropist, has given £250,000 (\$1,000,000) to help young surgeons, particularly from the dominions, the United States and other countries, coming to Britain for advanced studies, it was announced.

The gift, made to the Royal College of Surgeons for the promotion of research and education in the surgical sciences, will be used to build a Nuffield College of Surgical Sciences attached to the Royal College.

Young surgeons studying here will be able to live in the new college and must lead British surgeons and distinguished surgical teachers from abroad.

Practising With Barbara Ann Scott In Chill Grey Light of Early Morn

By JEAN LOVE GALLOWAY
Written Specially for Central Press
Canadian

OTTAWA.—Barbara Ann Scott, world figure skating champion, leaped into the glaring flood lights of New York's famous RKO ice stage on Dec. 5th. Described as "Talented, Tiny and Terrific," Barbara Ann went to the U.S. as Canada's best loved ambassador who has skated into the hearts of the world.

This is the first time Barbara Ann has received a salary cheque. It is reported to be something like \$50,000, a good proportion of which the champion is donating to underprivileged children.

At dropped in at the Minto Skating Rink here just before Barbara Ann left for New York and found the Queen of the Blades hard at work on the ice. There was no glamour about it there in the chill grey light of early morning, the rink barren of spectators and lights. There was no symphony orchestra, no scintillating costumes. This was a star, at work.

Great artists all have to practise. Most of their time is spent behind the footlights in an exacting routine that calls for concentration, courage and patience. Barbara Ann does her spins and turns over and over again until absolute perfection is attained. The hours of concentrated drill that go into those little bows alone, would amaze you. No matter how skillful the performer, its finale must be dramatic and personal.

When I watched her at practice Barbara Ann was wearing a canary yellow skating outfit with a light green pullover sweater. On her head was a light-fitting yellow knitted bonnet tied snugly under the chin. And she wore matching knitted wool gloves.

Up in a small sound box at one end of the Minto rink a pianist fingered out snatches from Little Dutch Mill and Tip Toe Through the Tulips. He wore a brown fedora that pulled down well over his head and a raincoat over a heavy sweater. Think of cold places to play piano!

Barbara Ann puts in her first hour without a coach. There was a caretaker sweeping up under the benches. And there were two young skaters beside her.

"Taking lessons at the other end of the ice? Otherwise, the whole place was deserted as Baffin Land. B-rrrrr."

"Will you give me that ending again, please?" Every few minutes Barbara Ann would stop and skate over to the sound box. Then she

Farmers Are Warned Of Possible Lower Prices For Their Surpluses

OTTAWA.—Dean A. M. Shaw, chairman of the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference, said Canadian farmers must realize that the Dominion is out of the war period and that they may have to accept lower prices for their surpluses.

At the second session of the three-day conference, he said delegates seemed to be agreed that agriculture was facing an immediate future which may bring "very different" conditions.

"There was a feeling of 'insecurity' and a 'vagueness about the long view'."

"We have an agriculture industry that has become highly organized, and our farmers are in a sounder position than they have been in the memory of many of us here."

Canada was troubled about some things that were happening in the United States. One problem was the fact European Recovery Program



Barbara Ann Scott, (above), who is appearing at a New York theatre during the holiday season.

would try another spin. Not satisfied, she would call for the music again. They would keep it up until Barbara Ann decided it was perfect.

She has one number calling for a large white fan which she wags in motions of such faultless grace that even a swan would be envious. This number needs symphony music and her pianist produces it at a nod of the head.

Having completed part of her routine for the morning, the young skater did staright out in the gallery. She seemed happy that somebody had come to watch her. She bought me a cup of tea and we talked about New York.

She explained that in New York she would have to skate on small ice instead of a huge expanse of it as in the Minto Club or Maple Leaf Gardens. This calls for alterations in a skater's technique. It seems you feel confined and cramped on a small area of ice after being accustomed to performing on a large rink.

Melville Rogers is coaching the world champion right now. Barbara Ann practised without music under his direction for the next hour. Rogers punts a chair out on the ice. He sits down in his big overcoat. He wears a Homburg and leather mitts, but no skates.

Sliding around on his chair, Rogers watches every movement of the famous skating queen. He points out even the slightest defect in form. Rogers puffs cigarettes as he coaches and is absolutely unconscious of anything but the action of the skater before him.

Practice Goes On

But long after the pianist had gone home and the coach had left, Barbara Ann's practising continued. Her next session was with a ballet teacher who arrived to give her tips on injecting the grace of the ballet into skating. When the ballet teacher has had enough, Barbara Ann practised alone, trying to correlate the rhythm of music, the instruction of the coach and the art of the ballet into her very soul.

Finished about one o'clock, the champion headed for home in her dream car—the big powder blue convertible presented to her by the city of Ottawa. Beating the significant

Prairie Moisture 41 Per Cent. Of Normal

REGINA.—Rainfall in the past autumn averaged only 71 per cent. of normal for the three prairie provinces, according to an estimate made by the Searle Grain company and released recently.

These fall rains—after harvest and up to freeze-up—constitute the only moisture reserves available for the coming crop that will be seeded on stubble land.

Summerfallow land, however, contains additional reserves. These consist of the rains that fell during the past growing season and the fall before that. The Searle estimate places these reserves at 87 per cent. of normal for the prairie area.

Reserves by provinces are estimated as follows:

Stubble land: Alberta 39 per cent.; Saskatchewan 39 per cent.; Manitoba 34 per cent.

Summerfallow: Alberta 92 per cent.; Saskatchewan 82 per cent.; Manitoba 104 per cent. of normal.

POTASH FOUND AT OIL SITE

REGINA.—J. M. Cantor, secretary-treasurer of Community Petroleum Ltd., announced potash has been discovered on an oil-drilling site a half mile from North Battleford in north-western Saskatchewan.

Mr. Cantor said a salt bed with two zones had been struck at more than 2,700 feet containing a low potash content. Samples have been sent to University of Saskatchewan for analysis.

Foreign Language Records Obtainable

During the long winter evenings when music becomes a restful pastime, and especially so as radio-phonograph sets now have become popular, enabling one to listen to their own selection from records. This fact is most appreciated by our new Canadian citizens who have come from Europe in recent months to establish themselves here, as now it is possible to obtain in Canada records of most foreign languages, thus giving them an opportunity to enjoy a restful period of listening to music of their own native land.

Record Catch Of Herring In One Set

VANCOUVER.—A thousand tons of herring in one set—2,000,000 lbs. of fish—is the record catch reported by one boat in Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Value of the catch landed at the dock is about \$21,500. Of this amount the netting crew will divide about \$7,500, fishermen will receive an equal amount on a share basis and the remainder will go to boat charterers and other agents.

license plate, 48 U 1, the car is familiar to Ottawa people.

Everywhere in the Minto Club are photos of Barbara Ann Scott as the local organization is proud to honor their very own star. There is one large formal photograph of her by Karsh. There is also an interesting picture of Bonja Henie with an autographed note reading: "To Barbara Ann Scott with all my best wishes."

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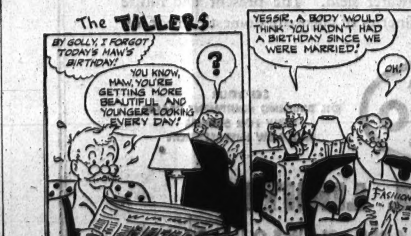
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Miss Enid Sivett, who is teaching in the South Fork district, is spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Sivett, in Bellevue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spence of Kimberley, BC, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spence at Hillcrest and Mr. and Mrs. Curcio at Blairmore.

Archie Combrin of Bellevue, a forestry student of the Pacific university, arrived home this week for the Yuletide season.

Mr. and Mrs. D. MacPherson are leaving on Friday for the Pacific coast to spend Christmas with their children, Peggy and Fraser.

Raymond Blas has secured employment at the Credit Jewelers for the Christmas rush.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Labalestier will leave for Calgary over the week end to attend the wedding of their son, Duncan, which will take place at St. Mary's cathedral on Monday, Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Smith are spending the Christmas holidays at



The Other Christmas

Christmas—a time of candle-light flickering on happy faces, a time of carols and good cheer, of brightly-wrapped gifts and tinselled trees.

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born for us so that men may live in harmony, with purpose to their lives and benevolence

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